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Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary
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Re: Notice of Ex Parte presentation in MB Docket No. 02-277 and MM Docket Nos. 01-235, 01-317, 00-244

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this letter describes a meeting held on the evening of November 24, 2002, between Len Hill from the legislative committee of the Caucus for Television Producers, Writers and Directors, and Jordan Goldstein, senior Advisor to Commissioner Copps and Commissioner Copps, in Redondo Beach, California.

Basically, Mr. Hill explained to the Commissioner the impact media consolidation has had on the producers of television programming. In Mr. Hill's view, the current environment is making it almost impossible for independent producers to survive in the business because of the abolition of the financial syndication rules. He explained 80% of pilots bought by ABC were produced by Disney, the parent company of ABC.

Mr. Hill then gave several anecdotal stories about companies demanding the copyright to the programming and that they are relieved of the legal obligation to sell the product at fair market value.

Finally, Mr. Hill encouraged the Commission to hold hearings on the matter.

Respectfully,

Margaret Cone
On Behalf of the Caucus for Television Producers, Writers and Directors